

We claim:

1. A method of rendering an object from a text and numeric centric line of business application to a graphical user interface centric client application comprising:

- a. requesting the object from a line of business application. ;
- b. the line of business application initiates host initiated display application program interface, and calling a workstation listener;
- c. the content manager host sending the customer application request to a workstation listener;
- d. the workstation listener launches the content manager graphical user interface client;
- e. the content manager graphical user interface client builds the request for the object and sending it to the content manager application for host initiated display; and
- f. content manager application responding to the content manager client and rendering the object to the user.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the requested object is selected from the group consisting of displays, prints, and folder contents.

3. A computer system comprising a client application, a resource manager, a library server. and a line of business application, and a host initiated display application program interface between the line of business application and the client application.

4. The computer system of claim 3 adapted to render an object from a text and numeric centric line of business application to a graphical user interface centric client application by the steps of:

- 5 a. requesting the object from a line of business application;
- b. the line of business application initiating a host initiated display application program interface, and calling a workstation listener;
- 10 c. the content manager host sending the customer application request to a workstation listener;
- d. the workstation listener launches the content manager graphical user interface client;
- 15 e. the content manager graphical user interface client builds the request for the object and sending it to the content manager application for host initiated display; and
- 20 f. the content manager application responding to the content manager client and rendering the object to the user.

5. The computer system of claim 4 wherein the requested object is selected from the group consisting of displays, prints, and folder contents.

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6. A program product comprising computer readable code for configuring and control a computer to render an object from a text and numeric centric line of business application to a graphical user interface centric client application by the steps of:

- 30 a. requesting the object from a line of business application. ;

- b. the line of business application initiating a host initiated display application program interface, and calling a workstation listener;
- c. the content manager host sending the customer application request to a workstation listener;
- d. the workstation listener launches the content manager graphical user interface client;
- e. the content manager graphical user interface client builds the request for the object and sending it to the content manager application for host initiated display; and
- f. the content manager application responding to the content manager client and rendering the object to the user.

7. The program product of claim 6 wherein the requested object is selected from the group consisting of displays, prints, and folder contents.